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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION? IT'S ALL HERE IN ONE PLACE!

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It is a good idea to start your environmental research by bookmarking this Web address:

http://www.epa.gov/natlibra/index.html Through this website, the EPA National Library Network Program, you will be able to link to all the EPA libraries and take advantage of the information librarians have gathered and made available on their webpages. You will find a wealth of environmental, legal, and financial resources as well as links to databases, access to online documents and to some full-text scientific journals. You will also be provided with links to specific sites (hazardous waste, wetlands, pollution prevention, test methods, contract information, local information, etc.) Librarians have conducted research to provide their clientele with useful resources and now these resources are available to everyone. Do not miss a great opportunity to gain easy access to data that otherwise may have necessitated hours of research to obtain. Also note that EPA libraries' webpages are getting updated all the time, adding new data to their virtual resources. Check the Headquarters Information Resources Center, the Law Library, the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPTS) Library, the Triangle Park specialized libraries, the ten EPA regional libraries and the laboratories libraries. You are bound to find the information you need and even come across some unexpected data treasures. Here are some examples of what you will be able to find:

Full-text access to the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Annual Report on Carcinogens (Headquarters Information Resources Center); a list of EPA documents in Spanish (Infoterra); links to directories of electronic journals on the Web (Research Triangle Park Library Services); a link to the UN indicators of sustainable development (Region 4); a monthly listing of recently published Superfund-related documents (Region 9)... and much more...

READ TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!

by Karen Sundheim, CGI



Do you believe that all you can find in the library are guidance documents and microfiche? (yawn). Do you think all the library has to offer are data on the health effects of chemicals and engineering manuals for constructing a wastewater treatment plant?

Not true! The library has many books and journals perfectly suited for enjoyable vacation or weekend reading. There is a collection of books on the history of the environmental movement, including the comprehensively researched The American Conservation Movement: John Muir and His Legacy by Stephen Fox; Coyotes and Town Dogs: Earth First! and the Environmental Movement by Susan Zakin, which profiles passionate figures in the movement including David Brower, John Muir, and author Edward Abbey; A Fierce Green Fire: The American Environmental Movement by Philip Shabecoff; A Green History of the World: The Environment and the Collapse of Great Civilizations by Clive Ponting; and the poetic and personal Let the Mountains Talk, Let the Rivers Run by David Brower.

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New Web Subscription in the Library

REFERENCE USA

Do you need a list of company names, addresses and phone numbers for a specific SIC code? How about mailing labels to notify an industry segment of applicable regulations? If you do, the Library now has an easy way to compile this information. Using Reference USA on the web, one can search by company name, SIC code, type of business, geographical location and more. For more information, come to the Library and ask a Librarian!

WESTERN WETLAND FLORA

on the Internet

A Field Office Guide to Plant Species produced by USDA - Soil Conservation Service. West National Technical Center, Portland, Oregon is available on the Internet at:

http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/othrdata/ westflor/westflor.htm

The following quotes are from the introduction:
"The material contained in this illustrated wetland guide will enable persons, regardless of their botanical background, to identify the plants included in this guide. Three hundred species of vascular plants were chosen for inclusion in this guide by the Planning Staff of the Soil Conservation Service West National

Technical Center in Portland, Oregon, after consultation with each Soil Conservation Service state biologist in the western region."

"The 300 plant species in this guide are arranged by groups. Within each group they are further arranged alphabetically by genus. . .

Also found on each page is one or more colored photograph(s) of the species and a map showing the distribution of the species in the United States. . . The next section of each page is devoted to a description of the plant, including the months of the year that the flower is in bloom, characteristics of the habitat in which it is found, the growth form, stems, leaves, flowers (sepals, petals, stamens, pistils), fruits, and seeds."

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We also carry some of the "environmental classics", such as Rachel Carson's *The Silent Spring*, Barry Commoner's *Closing Circle*, Amory Lovins' *Soft Energy Paths*, and Paul and Anne Ehrlich's *Betrayal of Science and Reason*, and *Environment in Peril*, a collection of essays by well-known authors such as Jacques Cousteau, John Kenneth Galbraith, Ralph Nader, and Carl Sagan.

If you need a guide to assist you on actively appreciating the natural world, why not consult the "California Coastal Access Guide", which gives a county-by-county description of California coastal parks, beaches, lagoons, etc., as well as information about backpacking, hiking, birds, sea mammals, trees, and much more.

And if you are an EPA employee and you have not

yet attended a retirement workshop here at EPA you will be interested to know we carry *The Complete Guide to Environmental Careers in the 21st Century*, which provides detailed job and salary descriptions for careers ranging from environmental journalism, photography and museum education staff member, to watershed planner, climatologist, land-scape architect, landfill manager and recycling coordinator.



GREEN VERSUS GOLD Sources in California Environmental History

This new book is already at the top of the popularity list at the Region 9 Library. The editor, Carolyn Merchant, uses a combination of primary sources and essays to give the reader an in-depth view of the environmental history of California, from the Native American period to the present. The primary sources, which include old diaries, legal notices, maps, old photographs, etc. contribute greatly to the appeal of the book. Chapter titles, such as "Native Californian Cultivators," Dredging for Gold," or "Sea Otters Encounter Russians" are bound to catch the attention of all fans of California history.

There may be a waiting list for patrons wanting to borrow this book, so hurry up and check with the Library staff to find out if you can take your turn now!

NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

A valuable resource was recently donated to the Region 9 EPA library: the Nevada Administrative Code Containing All Permanent Regulations of State Agencies Adopted Under chapter 233B of NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes). The Code is an excellent resource which gathers in one place a great variety of difficult-to-locate state information. This information is presented in clear and concise language and made easily accessible through a detailed index. Chapters cover all state regulations and include: Indian Affairs; Highways and Roads; Programs for Recycling; Hazardous Materials; Wildlife Management and Propagation; Oil and Gas; Geothermal Resources; Pesticides, etc.

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